I believe that New Jersey's "Telephone Consumer Protection Act", is very essential as a

safeguard to quality of life issues within the home. I pay additional telephone costs for an $\ensuremath{\mathsf{I}}$

unlisted telephone number and for an answering/screening service offered through my

service provider. I sustained this additional costs, in order to decrease continous ${}^{\prime}$

interruptions to my home life. Although, I had these features to decrease these

unsolicited telemarketing calls; I still received a countless number of calls. On one

occasion. I advised a telemarketer that it was an inconvenient time for me to take $\,$ his

call, since I was en route to the hospital for a medical emergency. However, he would

not end this call and I had to resort to hanging up on him. I urge the FCC to not consider $\,$

weakening of the "Telephone Consumer Protection Act", when consumer desperately needs such regulation to curtailed the disruptive effects of these calls to our households.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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